

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 23, 2011

### An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Gateway Bridges

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery, Senator HILL of York and  
Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, BURNS of Alfred, CASAVANT of Biddeford,  
MOULTON of York, O'CONNOR of Berwick, VALENTINO of Saco, Senators: COURTNEY  
of York, SULLIVAN of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
3 allocations are made.

4 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

6 Initiative: Allocates ongoing funding for the replacement, repair and maintenance of the  
7 3 bridges between Kittery, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Memorial Bridge,  
8 U.S. Route 1; Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, U.S. Route 1 Alternate; and Piscataqua River  
9 Bridge, Interstate 95. This funding may not be used for any other purpose.

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| 11 <b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>       | <b>2011-12</b>     | <b>2012-13</b>     |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12                           |                    |                    |
| 13 Capital Expenditures      | \$5,500,000        | \$5,500,000        |
| 14                           |                    |                    |
| 15 <b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b> | <u>\$5,500,000</u> | <u>\$5,500,000</u> |

16 **Sec. 2. Continued funding.** Beginning with the 2014-2015 biennium, and each  
17 subsequent biennium, \$5,500,000 must be included per year within the baseline Highway  
18 Fund allocations for ongoing funding for the replacement, repair and maintenance of the  
19 3 bridges between Kittery, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Memorial Bridge,  
20 U.S. Route 1; Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, U.S. Route 1 Alternate; and Piscataqua River  
21 Bridge, Interstate 95.

22 **Sec. 3. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, beginning with  
23 the 2014-2015 biennium and each subsequent biennium, the funding recommendations of  
24 the Bi-State Bridge Funding Task Force, established by Executive Order 4 FY 11/12,  
25 dated October 5, 2010, must be implemented to ensure the continued replacement, repair  
26 and maintenance of the 3 bridges described in sections 1 and 2.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill includes an ongoing allocation of \$5,500,000 to the Department of  
29 Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital program in fiscal years 2011-12 and  
30 2012-13 to provide funding for the replacement, repair and maintenance of the 3 bridges  
31 between Kittery, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Memorial Bridge, U.S. Route  
32 1; Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, U.S. Route 1 Alternate; and Piscataqua River Bridge,  
33 Interstate 95. This funding may not be used for any other purpose. Beginning with the  
34 2014-2015 biennium, and each subsequent biennium, this amount must be included  
35 within the baseline Highway Fund allocations. The bill also requires that the State comply  
36 with the funding recommendations of the Bi-State Bridge Funding Task Force.